

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
November 10, 2024 8:15 & 10:45 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude in A Minor

J. S. Bach

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Gracious God,

All: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

#679 vv. 1-3

KYRIE

ELW Setting 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assist: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Assist: Let us pray. O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Guestbooks

Announcements: Congregational Mtg, Generous Lives, T-Giving Food Drive

Website: shephills.org/**EVENTS**

Altar Flowers: Given by Mary Louise Behrhorst in celebration of Wallace Birthday.

Flowers today are placed to the glory of God in thankfulness for Lucas and Niko and in honor of their baptism by Judy and Bob Moore and their families.

8:15 WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

Reader: Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath.

When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth."

She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

GOSPEL READING

Mark 12:38-44

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pr. Ryan Dockery

MESSAGE SONG

Take My Life that I May Be

#583 vv. 1-4

8:15 APOSTLES’ CREED

10:45 HOLY BAPTISM

10:45 BAPTISMAL SONG

Borning Cry

#732

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition...Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

THANK OFFERING

To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: shephills.org/GIVE. By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746.

GENEROSITY IMPACT

Passing of the plates.

Signe Fredrickson, LFSW

OFFERING MUSIC

The Lamb

Lee Hoiby

Sandra Dager, soloist

OFFERING PRAYER

Assist: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Setting 3

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 3

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION INVITATION

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hear these words: "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you." Prayer Station: As you leave the communion table, a prayer minister is available to offer prayers of thanksgiving or healing prayers for the burdens and ills you carry.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW Setting 3

COMMUNION MUSIC

10:45 Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace S. S. Wesley

Choir

8:15 & 10:45 Sheep May Safely Graze J. S. Bach

Sandra Dager, soloist

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

Assist: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. Strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Jesus Shall Reign

#434 vv. 1-5

COMMISSIONING

Assist: With grateful hearts and generous lives, we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God, and WE WILL!**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C

J. S. Bach

WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Senior Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Associate Pastor	Pr. Ryan Dockery
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Minister	8:15 – Larry Wikelius 10:45 – Alana Oehler
Reader	8:15 – Nancy Etzler 10:45 – Jennifer Arndt
Acolyte	8:15 – 10:45 –
Altar Steward	8:15 – Nancy Etzler 10:45 – Carole Morgan
Communion Bread	Sarah Tuthill
Communion Servers	8:15 – Larry & Sandy Wikelius, Nancy Etzler 10:45 – Alana & Charlie Oehler, Carole Morgan
Food For Fellowship	8:15 - Debra & Marc Wissman
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 – Terrie Thomas 10:45 – Virginia Bosman, Joe & June Spann
Prayer Ministry	8:15 – Arlene Morris 10:45 – Carole Morgan
Director of Youth and Young Adult	Joel Timmons
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Megan Getman
Accompanist	Andrei Zimbalist
Admin & Community Life Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Executive Director	Bill Dawson
Finance Officer	Hilary Russell
Communications Director	Dabney Gomes
Campus Superintendent	Philip Perry
Digital Media & IT	Dave Wegner
Sound & Video	Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Devin Schueppert, Vince Yokubaitis, Will Coulson, Bjorn Martinsson

PRAYERS

We pray for:

- Marie Fortune
- Hunter Clark
- Ann Watt
- John Fenton
- Jason Heard
- Lydia Perkunas

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

- Drew Officer and Kate Sheeran, friends of Kathleen Macaulay
- Emma Katherine Phillips, sister of Hilary Russell
- Linda Maidment Meyers, daughter of Helen and David Maidment
- Steph and Gina Geller and family, friends of Dee Jackson
- Kaye Self, aunt of Megan Hansen
- Brittany Benzel, niece of Janice Benzel

God, we give you thanks for the baptism of Lucas and Niko Hjaltman, sons of Courtney and Lars Hjaltman. As you have planted the seed of faith in Lucas' and Niko' heart, use us as teachers and witnesses of your love as they grow.

Generous God, your intention for us is salvation and joy, found in your greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. As we ponder your good gifts to us, providing for our every need and more, guide our own intentions in giving of ourselves, our time, and our treasures. May we hold more tightly to you than to our money. May our whole lives reflect your goodness.

Gracious God, we come together in the spirit of unity, acknowledging our shared hope for peace and well-being for all. Guide our newly elected leaders with wisdom and compassion as they take on the responsibility of serving our nation. Help us, as a community, to support one another, to listen, and to strive for understanding even in our differences. May we each find ways to build bridges, foster kindness, and seek the common good.

**To add a prayer request, email sheep@shephills.org. Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

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